



EAST ASIAN VIDEO FRAMES: HONG KONG 01.02. – 26.05.2013



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Hong Kong, Tokyo and Seoul are trailblazers of fashion, film, popular culture and technological innovation. This is where new art forms from around the globe come together and interact. What is happening in the multicultural and global beat of these East Asian megalopolises today? What kind of new forms of visual arts are emerging and how do the local artists and actors of the art scene see themselves in relation to the global art world?

This three-year video project at Pori Art Museum will approach the local art phenomena in the three cities through the perspectives of creators and other actors of the art scene. The project explores current themes and issues in the visual arts through documentaries and video art works. The series will start with Hong Kong in 2013, moving on to Tokyo in 2014 before exhibiting Seoul in 2015. Each city will be examined through five videos.

Hong Kong breathes and lives colonialism and postcolonialism in all spheres of life. Especially Hong Kong's handover to the People's Republic of China in 1997 led to many socio-political changes that have also had an impact on the cultural scene. For instance, artists have left a critical mark on the debates, exploring questions of identity and future in their works. Nonetheless, Hong Kong is also known as the hectic node of international business where financial success is the only measure of success. What kind of challenges does the commercial business culture pose to local artists? How has the dizzying ascendancy of mainland Chinese artists influenced the art world in Hong Kong? Can street art and graffiti prosper in the urban scene dominated by skyscrapers?

These questions are examined during the spring 2013 in documentaries created by Schoeni Art Gallery, Slate Takes Ltd. and Ma Chihang. The artists interviewed in the documentaries include, among others, **Hung Keung, Eunice Cheung Wai Man, Lam Laam Jaffa, Ho Siu Nam South, Redy, Graffic Airlines** and **Start From Zero**.

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